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FOUNDATION

The College is founded in accordance with the provisions of the last Will and Testament of Moses Aaron Dropsie, an eminent citizen and lawyer, all his life resident in the City of Philadelphia, which testament was executed on September 17, 1895. He directed "that there be established and maintained in the City of Philadelphia, a college for the promotion of and instruction in the Hebrew and Cognate languages and their respective literatures and in the Rabbinical learning and literature." He also directed "that in the admission of students there shall be no distinction on account of creed, color or sex." Mr. Dropsie departed this life on July 8, 1905. The Charter was granted to the College June 6, 1907, under the style of The Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, this name being selected by the Governors as a memorial to the Founder. The Charter and the accompanying papers are printed in full in the Preliminary Register for 1909.

BENEFACTOR

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lazarus who departed this life on January 14, 1912, bequeathed her Estate to the College.

BUILDING

A Building has been erected on the College grounds, Broad Street below York, of which the following is a description:

The building is of modern fireproof steel and masonry construction two stories and a basement in height, presenting a front on Broad Street of 109 feet and having a depth of 41 feet 2 inches. The style of the design is an adaptation of the Renaissance period of Louis XVI. The main and side façades are of limestone. The importance of the first story is indicated on the exterior by a series of high arched openings, which by their repetition give a spacious and monumental aspect to the design. The accessory rooms of the second story are lighted by rectangular windows, so proportioned as to emphasize the importance of the first story fenestration. The building is crowned by an Ionic Entablature and balustrade.

A broad flight of limestone steps gives access to a broad corridor adjacent which are the rooms for Library, Delivery, Reception, Librarian, Reading, Clerk and Administration Office. From the ends of this corridor stairways are provided leading to the second story.

On the second floor provision has been made for four class rooms and an auditorium, two of these class rooms being so designed that if necessary they may become part of the auditorium.

The stack room starts at the basement floor and runs through two stories. It is furnished with metal book stacks of the most approved style.

In the basement a large fireproof vault has been arranged for, together with rooms for storage.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Students desiring to enter the College as candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy must have received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from a College or University in good standing, or show evidence of education equivalent thereto, and must also have a good preliminary knowledge of the Hebrew language and its literature or alternatively of some cognate language and its literature. In accordance with the terms of the foundation, no distinction on account of creed, color or sex will be made in the admission of students.

Students not desiring to enter for the Doctor's degree, but possessed of sufficient knowledge to enable them to profit by the courses offered, will be received as special students.

There is no tuition fee in the College.

DEGREES

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy may be granted when the following conditions are satisfactorily complied with in addition to those mentioned as requirements for admission:

The candidate must have a Bachelor's degree from a reputable college or university or must show that he has pursued a course of study equivalent to that for which the Bachelor's degree is conferred.

The candidate must have a knowledge of French and German sufficient for purposes of investigation.

The candidate must have pursued advanced study and research for not less than nine Quarters, three of which must be spent in residence at the College.

The studies pursued must consist of one major or principal subject, and two minor or subsidiary subjects.

The candidate must write a thesis upon some approved subject connected with the major or principal subject, which gives evidence of his ability to do original work, is a contribution to human knowledge, and is accepted by the faculty.

This thesis shall be delivered in shape for publication preferably in typewritten form at least three months prior to the final examination for the degree. One hundred and fifty (150) copies of the printed thesis must be delivered by the candidate before receiving his degree or a satisfactory guarantee must be given that the thesis will be printed and one hundred and fifty (150) copies delivered not later than one year from the date of the granting of the degree.

The candidate must pass an oral examination, in his major and minor subjects, to be conducted by the Faculty.

The degree will not be given for the mere reason of faithful study for a prescribed time, nor for miscellaneous studies, but on the ground of long study and high attainment in a special branch of learning.

Any one of the three principal departments, namely, Biblical Studies, Rabbinical Studies, or the Cognate Languages, may be taken as a major subject, in which event two other studies must be taken as minor subjects, the object being that every candidate for the doctor's degree shall pursue a general course, although specializing in one department.

FELLOWSHIPS

Five Fellowships have been established by the Governors yielding five hundred dollars annually which will be awarded under the following regulations:

The candidate must have a liberal education, at least a Bachelor's degree from a reputable college or university or a certificate from an institution of like character.

He must show by a thesis, or publication, or certificate from his instructors, a special knowledge of Hebrew or cognate studies and an aptitude for engaging in research work.

The Fellow is expected to perform such duties in the College as may be allotted to him by the President or Professor of his Department.

He will be expected to devote his time to special studies under the direction of the Professor, and to give evidence of his progress by the preparation of a thesis, the completion of a piece of research, the delivery of a lecture or lectures, or some other method which may be determined upon by the faculty.

The Fellow shall not accept other employment except by permission of the President, and this permission will be granted only when it is clear that it does not interfere with his College work and is in such lines as will actually further it, such as teaching his special subject.

The Fellowship shall be tenable for one year, and a Fellow may be reappointed, but not for a period exceeding three years.

Applications should be made in writing to the President before May 1 and should be accompanied by a full statement of the applicant's previous studies, of the special subject he desires to pursue, and copies of papers actually published.

Appointments to Fellowships will become operative September 1, of each year.

ACADEMIC TERMS

The year is divided into two terms, a winter term and a summer term, and each term into two quarters separated by an interval of at least two full weeks. The exact dates of the terms will be announced in each register.

The first quarter of the Summer Term will begin on Monday, April 15 and extend to Friday, June 14, 1912. The second quarter of the Summer Term will begin on Monday, July 1, 1912 and extend to Friday, August 30, 1912.

The first quarter of the Winter Term will begin on Monday, October 7, 1912.

COURSES OFFERED

BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT—Professor MARGOLIS will conduct the following courses during the first Quarter of the Summer Term:

HEBREW GRAMMAR—Phonology continued. Thursday, 9-12.

INTERPRETATION OF SELECTED PSALMS. Friday 9-12.

Mr. REIDER, Fellow in the Department, will read Selected Psalms in Sa'adia's Arabic Version. Wednesday 10-12.

Mr. MEDOF, Fellow in the Department, will read Rashi and Ibn Ezra on Selected Psalms. Monday 10-12.

RABBINICAL DEPARTMENT—Professor MALTER will conduct the following courses during the second Quarter of the Summer Term:

MEDIAEVAL HEBREW LITERATURE ON ETHICS including also Testamental Literature (צוואות). Monday, 10-11.

READING OF HEBREW ETHICAL WORKS (as a supplement to and illustration of the subject discussed in the preceding course): portions of Abraham b. Ḥiyya's *Hegyon ha-Nefesh,* Gabirol's *Ethics,* Baḥya's *Duties,* Judah Ibn Tibbon's *Testament,* the *Sefer Ḥasidim,* etc. Monday, 11-12.

TALMUD TRACTATE *'Abodah Zarah.* Tuesday, 10-12.

DEPARTMENT OF COGNATE LANGUAGES

Doctor HOSCHANDER will conduct the following courses during the second Quarter of the Summer Term:

SUMERIAN: Gudea's cylinder inscription, A. Monday, 2-4.

ASSYRIAN: Tell Amarna letters. Wednesday, 2-4.

ARABIC: Selections from historical authors. Thursday, 10-12.

Mr. MEIGHAN, Fellow in the Department, will be prepared to conduct a course in beginners' Assyrian, upon request. Monday and Wednesday, 9-10.

Courses for beginners in other of the cognate languages wil be provided upon request. Tuesday and Friday.

SPECIAL LECTURES

In the academic year 1912-13 Mr. USCHER GINZBERG, of London, will deliver a course of ten lectures on "The Principal Ideas of Jewish Ethics in their Historical Development."

In the academic year 1913-14 Doctor ADOLPH BÜCHLER, Principal of Jews' College, London, will deliver a course of ten lectures on "Palestinian Jewry in the First Two Centuries of the Current Era; its Social, Moral and Intellectual Condition."

In 1910 Professor S. SCHECHTER, Litt. D., President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, gave a course of ten lectures, on "The Genizah and Jewish Learning." In 1911, Professor GEORGE F. MOORE, LL. D., of Harvard University, gave a course of ten lectures on "Judaism at the Beginning of the Christian Era." In 1912, The Honorable MAYER SULZBERGER, gave a course of four lectures on "The Polity of the Ancient Hebrews."

BOOK AND JOURNAL CLUB

The Faculty and Fellows, and such others as may be invited for the purpose, meet under the chairmanship of the President to discuss and criticise books and articles in the field covered by the work of the College.

PUBLICATIONS

The College is continuing the publication of the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW, which had been issued in England for a period of twenty years. This undertaking is with a view of providing a medium for the publication in the English language of articles and reviews in the interest of Jewish literature, history, and religion, Hebrew philology, and kindred subjects. The New Series began with the number for July, 1910; the second volume is now in course of publication. The Quarterly is edited by the President of the College, DOCTOR ADLER, and the President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, DOCTOR SCHECHTER, with the aid of eminent scholars.

It is expected that other learned publications will be issued from time to time.

FOUNDER'S DAY

By a vote of the Governors, the anniversary of the birth of Mr. Dropsie, is celebrated annually as Founder's Day. In 1912, the celebration of Founder's Day and the Dedication of the new building was held on March 11, 1912 with the following programme:

Prayer — Rabbi Jacob B. Grossman

Presentation of the Building by the Honorable Mayer Sulzberger, Chairman, Building Committee

Acceptance of the Building by the President, Dr. Cyrus Adler

Address by the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Edgar F. Smith

Address by the President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Dr. S. Schechter

Address by Professor George F. Moore, Harvard University

Address by Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., University of Pennsylvania

Conferring of Degree

The first of these celebrations was held on March 9, 1910, when a Memorial Address was delivered by the Honorable MAYER SULZBERGER and an address on the policy of the College by the President.

At the celebration of 1911 the principal address was by LOUIS MARSHALL, Esq., on "Jewish Learning and the Preservation of Judaism."

DEGREE

On Founder's Day, March 11, 1912, the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon BERNARD REVEL, Master of Arts of New York University. His major subject was Rabbinical Literature and his minor subjects, Bible and Assyriology. His thesis was entitled "An Inquiry into the Sources of Karaite Halakah." It will be published in the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

CO-OPERATION

The College will aim to co-operate with all existing institutions and departments of universities having similar objects, and also with primary and secondary Jewish schools in the hope of developing a consistent system whereby Hebrew learning in all its stages may be advanced.

A plan of co-operation has been arranged with the University of Pennsylvania which provides for an annual conference between the Professors of the Semitic Group of the University and the Professors of the Dropsie College with a view to outlining a schedule of courses for the succeeding year.

Fellows and full regular students of the Dropsie College, candidates for degrees, will be permitted to attend courses in the Semitic Department of the University without payment of fees.

Students of the University may attend any of the courses at the Dropsie College free of charge.

Co-operation in building up their respective libraries, in the matter of application of Fellowships and in other respects have also been agreed upon and these plans have received the approval of the Trustees of the University and the Governors of the Dropsie College.

RESEARCH

All of the instruction in the College will be of post-graduate standard and time will be afforded to Professors, Fellows and students for original investigation and research which will be furthered as one of the fundamental purposes of the Institution.

For information concerning degrees, fellowships, courses, etc., apply in writing to Doctor Cyrus Adler, President of the Dropsie College, Broad and York Streets, Philadelphia.